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MEMORANDUM FOR: Associate Deputy Director for Intelligence

SUBJECT : Comments on Congressional Proposal

REFERENCE : Your memo to Office Directors, dated
1 November 1973, same Subject

1. The proposed legislation being developed by Congressman Nedzi's Special Subcommittee on Intelligence would not adversely affect current OBGI activities. However, OBGI should be free to contact its retired or transferred personnel whenever their special expertise is needed, whether crisis situations or routine substantive consultations are involved. I believe this Congressional proposal should either be dropped or else revised to specify the dark deeds not wanted, leaving legitimate areas of association between the Agency and its former employees unrestricted.

2. Specific comments on the activities you mention are as follows:

a. Hiring of contract and/or part-time employees

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No OBGI activity is currently underway or planned, though this past summer we benefited from the services of a former employee who was under contract to [REDACTED] to help with Project [REDACTED] We certainly [REDACTED] should be free to solicit the services of experienced former employees at any time.

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b. Consultant relationships

Same comment as above.

c. Using former staff employees as spotters

We do not have any formal arrangements of this sort and we anticipate none in the future.

d. Exchanges with former employees now in academia

Exchanges with former employees usually represent personal rather than business contacts. But, again, we would regard as unreasonable any blanket prohibition against exchanges or substantive contact with former colleagues in academia, or anywhere else.

e. Participation in academic seminars, lectures, etc., arranged through contacts with ex-employees

Such participation has not so far involved arrangements through ex-employees. But the option to make such arrangements should remain open if only for the obvious reason that an ex-employee may himself be the department head through whom arrangements must be channeled.

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